

IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION FACT SHEET

Idaho Code § 22-2720

(<http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title22/T22CH27SECT22-2720.htm>)

STEPS FOR DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION:

1. Districts Discuss Consolidation
 - a. Formal consolidation or informal cooperation needs to be a locally-led discussion about resource concerns, priorities, and efficiencies
 - b. A property agreement is encouraged between the consolidating districts which describes how to liquidate, dispose, or consolidate the assets of the two districts
2. Districts petition SWC
 - a. Use SWC-approved form
 - b. Signed by at least 25 landowners in each district to be consolidated (or 2/3 majority of total landowners if there are less than 25 landowners in each district)
3. Within 30 days of receiving the petition, SWC schedules a hearing for a future date
 - a. Notice of Public Hearing to be published in local paper(s) of consolidating districts under due notice guidelines as set forth in Section 22-2717(9), Idaho Code
4. At hearing, SWC Commissioners decide:
 - a. Whether proposal would service public health, safety, and welfare; and
 - b. Whether proposal is administratively practicable and feasible

IF NO on both or either (3a) or (3b) above: matter is closed

- New petition may be brought after six (6) months have passed

IF YES:

- SWC files sworn statement of Commission member with Secretary of State's office which includes:
 - o Names of the districts being consolidated
 - o Description of the boundaries affected
- Consolidation changes are effective only at the time of the filing

5. Once consolidation has occurred:

- a. Incumbent supervisors from both districts will remain in their current elected position until their term expires or they resign, until only five (or seven) supervisors remain
- b. Within ten (10) days of consolidation, supervisors of each district involved in the consolidation shall meet and designate a chairman of the consolidated district
- c. The consolidated district shall receive a sum not to exceed \$8,500 for each district involved in the formation of the consolidated district for a period of three (3) years after the formation of such district. The maximum \$50,000 allocation per district shall not apply during this period. After the three-year period has expired, the consolidated district shall be treated as one (1) district.